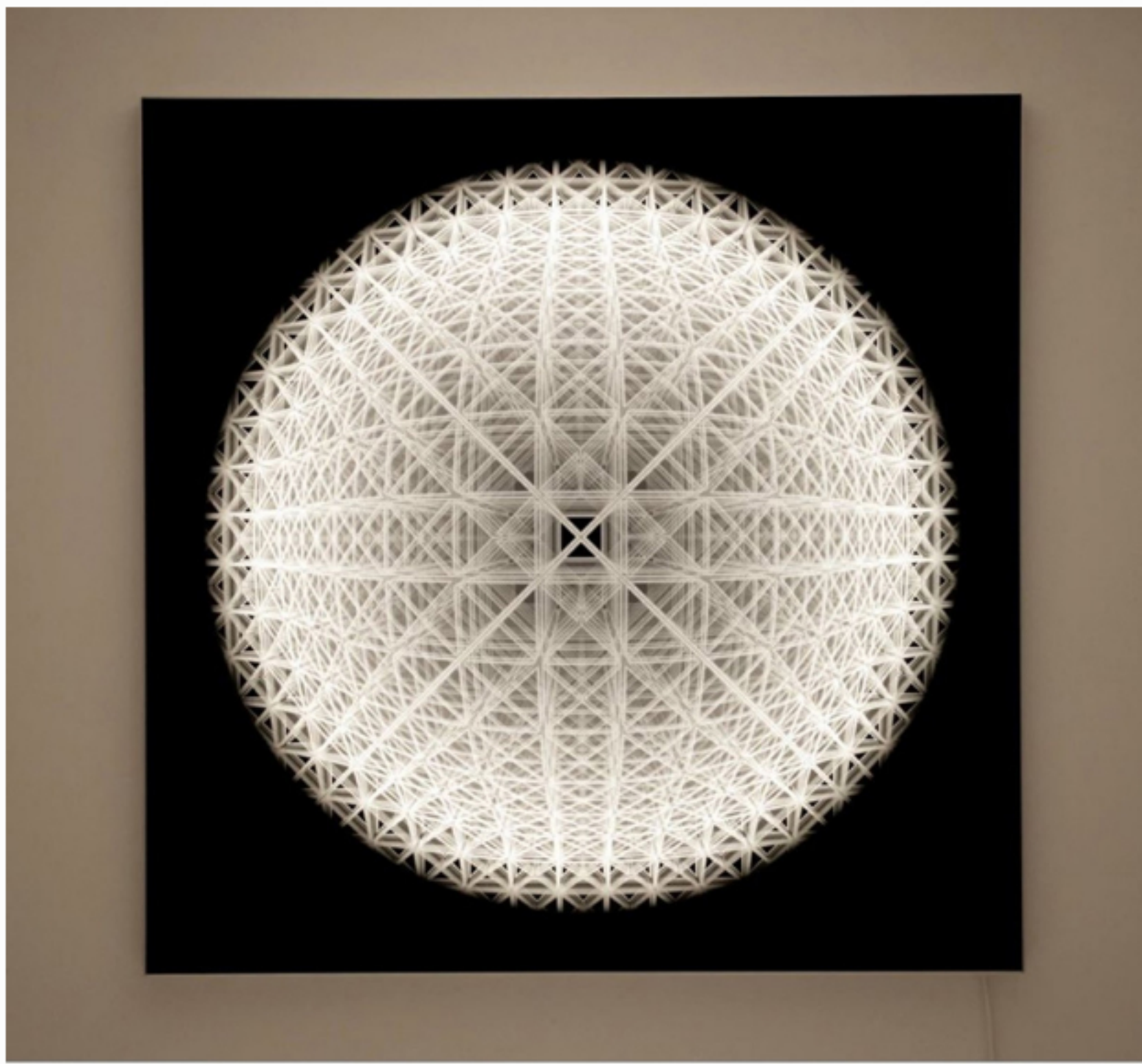


ART FAIRS: Art Paris Art Fair 2016



Bardula, Dôme, 2015, Courtesy Galerie La Ligne, ART PARIS ART FAIR 2016 Archive

Since it was inaugurated in 1998, Art Paris has become a highlight on the International Art calendar and a major event on the Paris scene. In 2006, Art Paris was one of the first events to take up its quarters under the glass roof of the newly restored Grand Palais, and has been back every year. A meeting point for professionals of the Modern and Contemporary art markets, the exhibition each year draws a growing number of loyal collectors and art-lovers.

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Open to all forms of artistic expression, Art Paris Art Fair offers a broad vision of art from the post-war period to the present day. The 2016 edition of the Fair is focused in exploring the different regions of Europe and its cities, each with their own individual identities such as Zurich, Munich and Milan. Their galleries have an artistic vision which reflect passion and commitment, like an antidote to the prevailing uniformization seen in so many art fairs. Held at the Grand Palais from 31/3/16 to 3/4/16, Art Paris Art Fair brings together in its **Main Section** 143 galleries (58 newcomers) from 23 countries which includes for the first time Azerbaijan, Colombia and Iran. In **Exploring the regions of Europe**, Art Paris Art continues to attract leading international galleries, the 2016 selection is particularly focused on exploring the different regions of Europe and its cities, each and own individual identities such as Zurich, Munich and Milan. Their galleries have an artistic vision which reflect passion and commitment, like an antidote to the prevailing uniformization seen in so many art fairs. The 2016 Guest of Honour is South Korea with Guest Curator: **Sang-A Chun**, Art Paris highlights the wealth of the art scene from South Korea, with close to 80 artists represented by galleries both from Korean Galleries and 20 Western galleries, this project spans the emergence of very specific forms of Contemporary art in the 1960s to the present day boom in creativity. The first generation of Korean artists is represented with artists such as Ungno Lee, who produced an innovative body of work at the crossroads between Eastern and Western traditions, shown in a soo exhibition. Others include masters of Dansaekhwa, such as: Lee Ufan and Myeong-Ro Youn. Also on show are some of the leading figures of the contemporary scene such as Moon-Pil Shim, Lee Bae, Kwang Young Chun and BOOMOON. The young generation of emerging talents is well represented with for installations by Kiwon Park and Yun Soo Kim, sculptures by Myeongbeom Kim or the delicate graphic work of Min Jung Yeon. As part of the celebrations of France-Korea year, exhibitions and installations of Korean art are on presentation in Paris during Art Paris Art Fair. **"Standing Man"** by Chung Hyun is a series of monumental sculptures in the garden of the Palais Royal. The Cernuschi Museum is organising an exhibition of Contemporary Korean art from the '80s onwards along with a number of new rising talents. Also the Korean Cultural Centre is hosting a talk entitled **"Contemporary Korean art: exploring the past of shed light on the present"**, moderated by Art Paris Art Fair Korea guest of honour curator Sang-A Chun (Korean Cultural Centre, 2 avenue d'Iéna, Paris on 1/4/16, 18:00). Introduced in 2015, the **Solo Show** section includes 20 solo exhibitions scattered throughout the fair. This is an opportunity to discover or re-discover the work of Modern or Contemporary artists. **Promises:** is the section that is dedicated to promoting new galleries that are under five years old and have never taken part in Art Paris Art Fair. This year brings 12 galleries from Baku, Brussels, Marseille, London, Paris and Zurich. **Bus Expo:** From 17/3/16 to 5/4/16 the Air France airport busses will feature temporary exhibitions of 5 artists selected from among the Solo Shows at the fair, as part of the Bus Expo Project. The aim is to make Contemporary art accessible to the widest possible audience. **Virtual Visit:** In you cannot travel in Paris to visit **ART PARIS ART FAIR 2016**, you can virtually visit the Fair and explore the Galleries and artworks [here](#). You can also explore 1835 artworks (with a lot of options) and contact the galleries [here](#).

Info: Art Paris Art Fair 2016, Artistic Director: **Guillaume Piens**, Grand Palais, Avenue Winston Churchill, Paris, Days & Hours: Wed 30/3/16 Preview (by invitation only), Thu 31/3/16 11:30-20:00, Fri 1/4/16 11:30-21:00, Sat 2/4/16 11:30-20:00, Sun 3/4/16 11:30-19:00, Entrance fee: Adults and children over age 10: €25, Students and groups of 10 or more: €12, Free admission for children under age 10, www.artparis.com

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